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Dear Mr. Coffey,

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Thank you very much for the helpful response to the referral of my information request by DoD.

My interest is not in the funeral or the plan for it but in the autopsy performed on President Kennedy and the events immediately preceding and following it. There should be records generated by the Military District of Washington, the Navy and the Secret Service, perhaps other agencies.

Your referral to Presidential Libraries also is helpful and I thank you for that initiative..

Perhaps it will help if I explain. There is a current book in which it is alleged that on AF1 returning to Washington, at Andrews Air Force base, at Walter Reed and at the Navy hospital in Bethesda there was hanky-panky with the corpse. A sort of shell game with the corpse, including caskets and ambulances, also is alleged. I believe that these and other similar allegations are without foundation, hurtful to many innocent persons and hurtful to truth. I therefore desire to obtain information pertaining to those events, the number of ambulances used, the number of caskets, when and why each was dispatched and by whom, things like these.

If there are lists of those who were on AF1 on the return from Dallas and of those who were observers when LBJ was sworn in, that also will be helpful.

I do not know whether any of the military personnel, General McHugh and enlisted men among them, filed any reports or memoranda, but they could be of value, if any. I cannot identify all who were on the plane then.

I believe that all services, including the Coast Guard, contributed to the honor guard at the hospital.

As of now I do not desire a copy of the State Funeral Plan, but thanks for the information.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg